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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Raimar Boehlke et al.)
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Serial No. 09/847, 676)
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Filed: 05/02/2001)
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For: ARRANGEMENT FOR ELIMINATING)
OR AT LEAST FOR REDUCING THE)
SIZE OF INTERSPACES BETWEEN)
THREE ELEMENTS ARRANGED ONE)
BEHIND THE OTHER IN THE)
LONGITUDINAL DIRECTION)

Art Unit: 3751
Examiner: Azadeh Kokabi

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action, mailed on September 30, 2002, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

Priority:

The claim for priority was included with filing documents. This application was
filed as an application claiming benefit of three foreign applications under 35 USC §119.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.55, the claim for priority was presented at the time of filing.

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Further, the claim for priority identified the foreign applications for which priority was claimed as well as any foreign application for the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed and specified the application number, country, day, month and year of filing. As stated in the filing documents of this application, claim for priority is based upon: 1) PCT application PCT/DE 00/03118 priority date September 8, 1999 and having international filing date of September 5, 2000. The instant application was filed within one year of 118' PCT application and is claiming the benefit of the filing date September 5, 2000 of '118 application under 35 U.S.C. §119; 2) German Application of Addition 100 53 884.3 filed October 31, 2000. The instant application was filed within one year of the filing date of 884.3' application and is claiming benefit of 884.3' application under 35 U.S.C. §119; 3) German Utility Model Application 201 01 699.0, filed January 31, 2001. The instant application was filed within one year filing date of the 699.0' application and is claiming benefit of the 699.0' application. Applicant respectfully requests that the instant application be amended accordingly to reflect the priority claim as follows:

Please insert into the application on page 1, line, [This application claims benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 based on the following applications: PCT application PCT/DE 00/03118 filed September 5, 2000; German Application of Addition 100 53 884.3 filed October 31, 2000; and German Utility Model Application 201 01 699.0, filed January 31, 2001]

Copies of all three priority documents were enclosed. Further, this application was filed within one year of the aforementioned foreign patent applications.

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